STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE,

Complainant,

DOCKET NO. FCU-03-1

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MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Respondent.

ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND CANCELLING THE HEARING

(Issued March 19, 2004)

On March 18, 2004, McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Inc. (McLeod), filed a motion to suspend the procedural schedule in this case. McLeod stated an agreement had been reached with the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) that should eliminate the need for a hearing, an executed agreement would be filed for approval shortly, and the Consumer Advocate does not oppose the motion. The motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

 The motion to suspend the procedural schedule filed by McLeod on March 18, 2004, in this docket is hereby granted. The procedural schedule is suspended until further order. DOCKET NO. FCU-03-1 PAGE 2

- 2. The parties shall file a written agreement or settlement for approval with the Board.
- 3. The hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2004, is hereby cancelled.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Amy L. Christensen
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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper

Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 19th day of March, 2004.